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- 1. I DELIVERED THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO FOREIGN SECRETARY TABARAK HUSAIN ON MONDAY, JUNE 27. TABARAK HUSAIN READ IT CAREFULLY AND SAID IT WAS EXCELLENT. HE NOTED IN PARTICULAR THE STATEMENT THAT AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT ON THE FOODGRAIN SITUATION SHOULD BE DISCUSSED IN DACCA, NOTING THAT THIS WAS CONSISTENT WITH HIS VIEW. TABARAK SAID HE WOULD SEE THAT THE LETTER WAS DELIVERED IMMEDIATELY TO PRESIDENT ZIA.
- 2. I TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THIS MEETING TO GO OVER BRIEFLY WITH THE FOREIGN SECRETARY THE SAME POINTS REGARDING COORDINATION ON FOODGRAINS THAT I HAD MADE TO PRESIDENT ZIA JUNE 23 (REF B), EMPHASIZING IN PARTICULAR OUR HOPE THAT WE COULD APPROACH ANY DIFFERENCES WZ HGG N HAVE ON THE FOODGRAIN SITUATION IN A SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND PARTNERSHIP IN AN EFFORT TO MEET OUR MUTUAL OBJECTIVES. AS WITH PRESIDENT ZIA, I SAID WE RECOGNIZE THE DIFFICULTIES BANGLADESH FACES CONFIDENTIAL

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IN ACHIEVING SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN FOODGRAIN PRODUCTION. WE DO NOT EXPECT THIS TO BE ACHIEVED OVERNIGHT OR EVEN WITHIN THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS. WE DO, HOWEVER, HOPE TO SEE A COORDINATED PLAN AND SPECIFIC ACTIONS DIRECTED TOWARD THIS GOAL. THIS WILL MAKE IT MUCH EASIER FOR US TO CONTINUE TO HELP BANGLADESH MEET ITS SHORT-FALL. TABARAK HUSAIN AGREED, AND SAID WE COULD BE ASSURED

BANGLADESH WOULD APPROACH THIS IN A CONSTRUCTIVE MANNER. HE HOPED, AT THE SAME TIME, THAT WE ON OUR SIDE WOULD UNDERSTAND THE POLITICAL IMPORTANCE OF ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF FOODGRAINS. I TOLD HIM WE HAD THAT MUCH IN MIND. MASTERS

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